

NEGRO MURDERER RUN DOWN BY BLOODHOUNDS

Ohio Mob Threatens to Lynch Black
Lawyer Who Killed Young
Widow.

BROTHER OF PRISONER FLEES

Wealthy Physician Has White Wife,
and Fear of Violence Sends Him
Back to Kentucky—Negro Was in
Love With Woman He Shot—Tries
to Commit Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)
LIMA, OHIO, May 24.—Hunted all
last night and finally driven to bay
by the police and bloodhounds today,
John W. Beam, a negro attorney and
real estate dealer, accused of murder,
attempted to end his own life. He
was arrested on the charge of mur-
dering Mrs. Estella M. Diltz, a young
widow who was shot last night at
her own home as she opened the
front door in response to pounding
upon the door. He is not seriously
injured.

It was first thought that the motive
for the murder had been found in
business transactions between Mrs.
Diltz and the negro. A search of
Beam's papers in his office today
indicated that Beam was in love with
the widow, but whether the crime
was due to his suit being repulsed or
whether there was a quarrel is un-
known.

A letter addressed to his wife in
endearing terms was found, in which
he told of his love for Mrs. Diltz,
which had extended over two years,
and that his calls upon her accounted
for his "late hours at night."

Lynchings Feared.
Rumor that a mob was forming
with the intention of lynching caused
Sheriff Van Guntlen to remove his
prisoner from the city hospital to the
county jail tonight.

Beam was escorted to jail under a
heavy guard. He is now in the
strongest cell in the jail, and a strong
guard is maintained.

Murderer's Brother Flees.
Dr. U. S. Beam, a brother of the
prisoner, and a wealthy physician,
closed his office and left for his old
home in Kentucky today. Colored
people urged him to leave as they
feared he might be lynched if he re-
mained here.

Feeling ran high against him. Dr.
Beam's wife is a white woman, and
this aided in infuriating the residents
against him.

ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS.

Association in Annual Session at Hot
Springs, Va.

(By Associated Press.)
HOT SPRINGS, VA., May 24.—
The annual meeting of the American
Association Electrical Manufacturers
began here today. About sixty mem-
bers of the association from differ-
ent parts of the country are in at-
tendance.

The principal business before the
convention will be the "standardizing
of motor products in relation to
prices."

The initial session was called to
order by President George M. Don-
aldson, of Charlottesville, Va., after
which several papers were read. At
the close of the afternoon session
the entire party went to Passapatan
farm to enjoy an old Virginia dinner.

COURT AFTER MRS. SULLY.

Application to Declare Her in Con-
tempt Filed.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 24.—Application
to adjudge in contempt of court Mrs.
Daniel J. Sully, wife of the former
cotton operator, was made in the
Supreme Court here today. She is
alleged to have been in contempt in
failing to appear for examination in
connection with a suit for \$400
brought against her by a Fifth ave-
nue jeweler.

Mrs. Sully's attorneys claim that
the bill was not contracted by her,
but by her husband, who was un-
able to pay it after he had lost a po-
sition which he held with a broker-
age house after his reverses in the
market.

Five Killed by Storm.

(By Associated Press.)
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 24.
Five persons are dead, at least ten
seriously injured, several acres of
crops are inundated and every street
in the northern and eastern parts of
Oklahoma is raging as a result of
heavy rains during the last 24 hours.
A number of houses were washed
away.

PLAYING "PICTURE SHOW" LITTLE BOY IS HANGED

Child's Mother Arrived Just in Time
to Cut Him Down
Alive.

(Special to Daily Press.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 24.—
While playing "moving picture show"
today Albert Pass, the 5-year-old son
of Harry Pass, a prominent citizen,
was almost hanged to death by three
of his playmates. Only the timely ar-
rival of the child's mother saved his
life, and not then until a physician
had worked faithfully to resuscitate
the falling pulse.

When questioned the other chil-
dren admitted that they were only
playing hanging, and that they did
not know there was any danger until
the rope tightened and they became
frightened. Then one of them ran
to the mother, who rushed to the
rescue just as the baby boy was
lapsing into unconsciousness.

With a knife furnished by one of
the boys, she managed to cut the
child down, and a physician was sum-
moned.

FINED AND JAILED.

Norfolk Manhattan Theatre Proprietor
Gets Heavy Sentence.

NORFOLK, VA., May 24.—James M.
Crinnian, proprietor of the Manhat-
tan theatre, corner of Union and Ne-
braska streets, was fined \$100 and
costs and sent to jail for thirty days
and placed under a good behavior
bond of \$500 for twelve months by
Justice Simmons in the police court
today on a charge of selling liquor
without a license. He appealed and
was released on bail for his appear-
ance in the Corporation Court on the
first Monday in June.

Crinnian was also charged with
conducting a disorderly house and
with allowing minors to enter his
place, but he was dismissed on both
of these allegations.

Crinnian was arrested as a result
of a raid on his place by Sergeant
Gwynn and Detectives Stevenson and
Powers last Saturday night, and it
was the testimony of one of Crinnian's
witnesses that brought about his
conviction in the police court.

VICTIM OF HEART FAILURE.

N. J. Smith, U. S. Revenue Employee,
Drops Dead.

RICHMOND, VA., May 24.—Nicholas J. Smith, 64 years old, for a
number of years employed in the
United States revenue offices as
stamp clerk, died suddenly this
morning at 7:15 o'clock in his home,
112 South Fourth street.

Mr. Smith's death was due to heart
trouble. He arose this morning and
was in the act of preparing to go to
work when stricken. He had been
ill last week, but was able to go to
work Saturday.

The death of Mr. Smith has caused
much regret among his associates
in the federal building here, where
he was held in highest esteem and
had many friends.

The arrangements for the funeral
will not be completed until a number
of relatives, who have been informed
of the death, have been heard from.

SHOOTS UP THE TOWN

Drunken Mail Carrier on Wild Ram-
page at Washington, N. C.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN KILLED

Bradley Parker Loses His Life for Re-
fusing to Sell Ammunition to Wil-
liam Bass—Murderer Surrenders to
Posse After Escaping to Woods.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 24.

Sunday afternoon while on a drunken
spree, armed and shooting up the
community generally, William Bass, a
rural mail carrier, of Parkersburg, N. C.,
shot to death Bradley Parker, a well
to do citizen of that place, be-
cause the latter would not sell him
ammunition to continue his escapade.

Parker was standing in front of Es-
tore in which he clerked and upon
his refusal Bass leveled a shot gun
at him and fired, killing him almost
instantly. Bass then broke into an
adjoining store, took money, firearms
and ammunition and returned to his
home which was surrounded later by
a posse. During the night Bass came
on his horse and the posse fired at
him, but he jumped into the woods
and ran, returning, however, later and
giving himself up.

Will Not Be Minister.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—
John Hayes Hammond today definitely
declined the tender of the minister-
ship to China.

GUilty OF CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT

Sheriff Shipp, Two Deputies and
Four Citizens Will be Arraigned
For Sentence.

LYNCHING OF NEGRO THE CAUSE

Highest Court in the Land Will Pun-
ish Tennesseans Who Are Alleged
to Have Combined to Kill Prisoner
Who Had Been Granted Respite—
Action Without Precedent.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—
For the first time in so serious a case
the Supreme Court of the United
States will, on next Tuesday week
undertake to mete out punishment for
the crime of contempt of the court
itself, and the importance of the oc-
casion will be enhanced by the num-
ber of defendants.

The proceeding will take place in
connection with the cases of Sheriff
Shipp and Deputy Sheriff Gibson, of
Hamilton county, Tenn., and of four
other residents of that county named,
respectively Williams, Nolan, Padgett,
and May. These men were today de-
clared by the court, to be guilty of
an act of contempt in combining in
March, 1905, in a conspiracy to lynch
a negro, Ed Johnson, who had been
sentenced to death by the local courts
on the charge of rape, and in whose
case the Supreme Court had inter-
fered to the extent of granting an ap-
peal which had the effect of a super-
seas.

On the night following the an-
nouncement of the court's action
Johnson was taken out of jail in
Chattanooga and lynched. There was
no resistance on the part of the jail
authorities and Shipp and a number
of his deputies as well as about twenty
citizens, were proceeded against on the
charge of contempt of the Federal
court.

Six Found Guilty.

The case has been pending ever
since, and the number of defendants
was from time to time reduced to
nine. Of these nine, three were today
found guilty while the other six
were ordered to be brought into court
next Tuesday week for sentence.

They will be taken into custody im-
mediately and will appear in court
under charge of Marshal Wright. The
sentence may be either fine or im-
prisonment, or both.

The case is regarded as of excep-
tional interest because it is practically
the first time that this, the highest
court in the United States, has ever
undertaken to assert its dignity or to
resent acts or words reflecting upon it.

In one previous case some years
ago a defendant was fined for some
expression of contempt, but the case
was so comparatively insignificant as
to practically leave the present pro-
ceeding standing alone.

Guilty for Allowing Contempt.

In the case of Sheriff Shipp and
Deputy Gibson the court in effect de-
clares that there may be contempt in
a failure of officers of the law to pre-
vent a crime in contempt of the court,
and in taking cognizance of an of-
fense at so great a distance, the court
for the first time asserts by action
its right to compel the proper respect
for and treatment of its verdicts in
all parts of the Union.

The charge of contempt against
Sheriff Shipp and his co-defendants was
due to the fact that when John-
son was lynched he was constructively
in the custody of the court. Only a
month before the negro had been
sentenced to death. The Supreme Court
had granted an appeal from a de-
cision of the United States Circuit
Court denying him a writ of habeas
corpus, which effected a stay of pro-
ceedings in the convict case.

Complains to President.

The appeal was allowed on March
19, and that night Johnson was taken
out of the jail at Chattanooga and
hanged. This action was strongly
resented by the court, and imme-
diate complaint was made to Presi-
dent Roosevelt, who ordered an in-
vestigation by the department of
Justice. That investigation resulted
in the filing in the court by the at-
torney general in May, 1906, of an
"information," in which Shipp and
nine of his deputies and seventeen
other persons were charged with
complicity in the lynching. Shipp also
some of his subordinates by absent-
ing themselves from the jail on the
night of the tragedy, and the others

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PETERSBURG IN MIDST OF LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

Sunday Was a Veritable Anti-Saloon
Day in the Cockade
City.

(By Associated Press.)

PETERSBURG, VA., May 24.—Sun-
day was a veritable Anti-Saloon
League field day in Petersburg and
in many of the Methodist and Baptist
churches the good of prohibition and
the evils of the saloon traffic were
sounded from the pulpit. All this was
part of the campaign now in progress
for the abolishment of the saloons
from the city. One of the most active
speakers of the day was Mrs. Nannie
Curtis, of Texas, who spoke at Wes-
ley Methodist church at the morning
service, at High Street Methodist
church at night and in the afternoon
addressed an audience of men only
in the Farmers' warehouse. Other
leaders of the State Anti-Saloon
League, who occupied Methodist pulpits
morning or evening were the Rev.
James Cannon, Jr., the Rev. J. D. Mc-
Allister and the Rev. E. J. Richardson.
The league services also extended in-
to the colored churches, the Rev. E.
J. Richardson speaking to colored men
in Ebenezer Baptist church and the
Rev. G. B. Howard preaching in Gil-
field church on the evils of the drink
habit.

The three days of the local option
campaign will be marked by active
work on both sides of the question.
Feeling is running high and will reach
its acme on Thursday, the day of
election, when lively scenes are ex-
pected around the polling places.

The Business Men's Association,
which is conducting the campaign
against prohibition, and for high li-
cense and strict regulations of saloons,
will have its two final grand rallies
in the Academy of Music on Tuesday
and Wednesday nights, with local
business men as the speakers.

On these two nights also the Anti-
Saloon League, which is fighting for
prohibition, will have its final rallies
in Farmers' warehouse, with Evan-
gelist Stuart as the speaker.

Thursday will tell the story of the
great local option fight in Petersburg.
A very large vote will be polled and
both sides are apparently confident
of victory.

BELIEVE HAWLEY MAY BE AFTER SEABOARD

Recent Activity in S. A. L. Stocks
Gives Rise to Interesting Ru-
mor in Richmond.

(Special to the Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., May 24.—Recent
activity in Seaboard Air Line stocks,
now classed as Seaboard Company
common, first and second preferred,
has given rise to the belief in local
banking and railroad circles that the
Hawley syndicate may acquire con-
trol of the property.

It seems to be generally admitted
that the Seaboard reorganization
committee has about completed its
work, and that the receivership will
shortly end, when the road will be
sold.

According to those who are well
versed in railroad matters the Haw-
ley syndicate had one of two plans
in view when it bought the Chesape-
ake and Ohio railway.

If the deal was not made as a spe-
culative venture the syndicate un-
doubtedly had in mind the possi-
bility of great development and ex-
tension. Moreover, it seems to be
well understood that sooner or later
the owners will buy or lease a
line which would give a direct route
from Newport News to Chicago. Then
by taking over the Seaboard the
field of usefulness would spread over
just that much more territory.

It cannot be stated definitely
whether Hawley and his associates
have been heavy buyers of Seaboard
stock, but some one has been buying
Seaboard extensively during the past
six weeks, taking all offerings. With
the Seaboard's 2,821 miles of road
Hawley would have a great railroad
system connecting the Seaboard with
Chicago.

Had His Head Crushed.

BIG STONE GAP, VA., May 24.—
As a result of an accident at the Tug
River Lumber Company's plant, on
Cherry creek, Henry Hodges, a mill
foreman, lies at death's door with
his head crushed, the injury exposing
the brain, a knee cap broken and
the body badly lacerated by the friction
belt running near where the uncon-
scious man was found.

Mr. Hodges had gone under the mill
alone to make repairs. It is not known
how the accident occurred.

Towers Down and Out.

(By Associated Press.)
EDINBURGH, May 24.—Jerome D.
Travers, the American amateur golf
champion, has been eliminated from
the British amateur championship
contests that opened on the Muirfield
course today. He lost his first match
to W. A. Henderson, of the Royal and
Ancient Golf Club, by 2 up and 1 to
play.

SENATE USES LUMBER INDUSTRY AS SEE-SAW

Entire Day Spent in Argument
For and Against Free Trade
Amendment.

LOST BY OVERWHELMING VOTE

Senator Dolliver Surprises Body by
Leaving the "Progressives" to Op-
pose Free Lumber Movement—
Senator Bailey Makes Speech, Say-
ing He Will Not be Bound.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—
No single piece of lumber was ever
used more effectively as a see-saw
by children than was the great lum-
ber industry today by the United
States Senate. The lumber sched-
ule of the tariff bill was under con-
sideration almost the entire day,
with Senators Root, Heyburn, Borah
and Dolliver contending on the one
hand for a protection for the indus-
try and Senators Clapp, Burkett and
McCumber arguing as strenuously
against that policy.

The day closed with more than
two-thirds vote against Senator Mc-
Cumber's free lumber amendment,
the ballot showing 25 for and 56
against.

The surprise of the day was the
attitude of Senator Dolliver, who
heretofore has stood with the "pro-
gressives" throughout the present
tariff fight. He today took positive
position against the demand for free
lumber, but expressed the opinion
that the industry would not suffer
from a reduction of the Dingley
rates.

Protection "A System."

Senator Root opened the day's
proceedings with an argument in fa-
vor of a differential on dressed lum-
ber. Senators Borah and Heyburn, of
Idaho, contended for the highest duty
on lumber and Mr. Borah entered
upon an argument to show that the
policy of protection is "a system"
and cannot be maintained if there
are to be constant exceptions to it
as is desired in the interest of free
lumber.

On the other hand, Senators Clapp,
and Burkett argued that lumber can
be produced as cheaply in Canada
as in the United States and contend-
ed that the lumber industry of this
country would not be endangered by
the free admission of the Canadian
product. Incidentally Senator Clapp
paid a glowing tribute to the Cana-
dian government saying that it was
equal to the best.

Republican Platform.

During the day Senator Heyburn
spoke of the Republican platform in
the last campaign in a way that
brought down some criticism on his
head, and Senator Bailey declared
that he did not propose to be bound
by the platform adopted by the Dem-
ocrats at Denver.

Mr. Bailey made a speech of some
length towards the close of the ses-
sion in which he expressed the opin-
ion that the enactment of the pen-
sion tariff bill would see the disin-
tegration of the Republican party.

Early in the day Senator Owen
made a sharp attack upon the pres-
ent tariff on sugar, saying that it
leads to frauds by "a trust" and still
earlier Senator Aldrich introduced a
resolution providing for an investiga-
tion of the expenditures of the vari-
ous executive departments.

At 5:40 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

Widely Known Minister Dead.

BUENA VISTA, VA., May 24.—Rev.
J. H. Willis, sixty years old, died sud-
denly in his home in Bridgewater, Va.,
yesterday morning. Mr. Willis was a
widely known Baptist minister, a na-
tive of Culpeper county, and for a
number of years was a resident of
this place. He is survived by a wife,
one son, B. H. Willis, of the
firm of Willis & Robertson, attorneys
on this place, and two daughters, Miss
Julia Willis, of Clifton Forge, and Miss
Gladys Willis, of Bridgewater.

NORFOLK BOOKMAKERS BUSY.

Largest Crowd of the Meet Saw Yes-
terday's Races.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 24.—With a
large crowd in attendance, four book-
makers had at they were looking for
at the Jamestown track this afternoon.
They quit about even for the day.

Kenmare Queen, Italianist and Span-
ish winners in the second, third and
fifth races, were all heavily support-
ed. The crowd today was one of the
largest during the meet and the suc-
cess of the Jamestown track seems
assured. Weather fine.

SMOTHERED TO DEATH BENEATH SAND DUNE

Richardson P. Smithwick, Norfolk In-
surance Agent, Loses Life in
Remarkable Manner.

NORFOLK, VA., May 24.—Richard-
son P. Smithwick, of Norfolk, was
killed in Princess Anne county Sat-
urday afternoon, meeting his end in a
most unusual manner, one of the sand
dunes in the desert, not far from
"Granite," between Lynnhaven and
Cape Henry, caving in on him and
smothering him to death.

It was his custom to go down there
on Saturday to "hunt for birds' nests,"
and he went last Saturday as usual.
When he did not return Saturday
night a searching party went out to
look for him, starting at 11 o'clock
Saturday night.

Saw Feet Protruding.

At first traces of him were found,
but owing to the rain it was difficult
to locate his tracks in the sand, and
just as the party were about to give
up the search, Sunday morning they
saw his feet sticking out of the sand.
It is supposed that he was digging in
the sand looking for a kingfisher's
nest, and that the hill gave way and
fell in on him. His body is said to
have been found at an angle, with his
head downward, which made it all the
more difficult for him to help him-
self, if indeed he retained conscious-
ness long enough to do anything to-
ward making his escape. There is
said to have been evidence of his hav-
ing found some birds' nests before
the accident.

An inquest was held over the re-
mains and it was entirely certain that
his death was accidental. His watch
and clothing were intact.

Funeral Director H. C. Smith was
"phoned for and the remains were
brought to his undertaking establish-
ment on Bank street last night and
prepared for burial, being taken to
the deceased home and grief stricken
wife and little girl at 396 North Main
avenue, Brambleton this morning.

He was in the insurance business,
having been formerly connected with
the Life Insurance Company of Vir-
ginia in this city, but at the time of
his death was an agent for the Home
Benefit Association here. He was 22
years of age and had been in Norfolk
for four years. He was highly es-
teemed by his associates in the insur-
ance business and had many friends
in the city.

He was a member of the Cumber-
land Street Methodist church, the pas-
tor of which, Rev. Dr. Starr, will officiate
at the obsequies which occur tomor-
row.

The hour of the service is at 4 p.
m. and it will be held from the resi-
dence.

"Strangulation caused by being ac-
cidentally buried in a sand bank" was
the cause of death given by Dr. Em-
merson Land, of Virginia Beach, upon
the burial permit issued in the
case of Mr. Smithwick. Dr. Land
was the first physician to see the
body.

REPUBLICANS GET BUSY

Sudden Show of Strength in the
House Yesterday.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL PASSED

President's Message Regarding Porto

Rican Affairs Goes to Ways and

Means Committee—Bill Divesting

Porto Rican Legislature.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.

The Republicans of the House today
again took matters into their own
hands, and with a sudden show of
strength passed the Philippine tariff
bill, the consideration of which had
been pending two weeks ago, re-
ferred the message of the President
regarding Porto Rican affairs to the
committee on ways and means, and
devoted some time to a discussion of
the bill amending the laws of Porto
Rico so as to divest the legislature
of certain authority possessed by it.

No sooner had the body met than
Mr. Macon, Arkansas, made his usual
point of no quorum, but Majority
Leader Payne instead of moving an
adjournment as he had done hereto-
fore forced a call of the House, and
a quorum appeared within a short
time.

The feature of the day was a
speech of considerable length by Mr.
Larrison, the Porto Rican commis-
sioner, vigorously opposing the bill
affecting the island represented by
him, and denouncing the executive
council or upper branch of the leg-
islature of Porto Rico. The bill was
pending when the House at 2:27 ad-
journed until Thursday.

Italians Attack Soldiers on Account

of Earthquake Funds.

REGGIO, ITALY, May 24.—At Sina-
coli, a small village near Saint Eufemia,
the populace became enraged over
the manner in which they have
been neglected in the distribution of
relief to the earthquake sufferers.
They made a hostile demonstration
against the authorities and attacked
the barracks.
Several soldiers were wounded and
a volley was fired into the rioters,
killing six of them and wounding sev-
eral others.

PROTEST AGAINST ACT OF KY. REPRESENTATIVES

Circulated Pamphlets While Congre-
gation Sang "Praise God From
Whom All Blessings Flow."

"NO SUCH SCENE EVER WITNESSED"

Complainants in Matter of University
of Kentucky Appeal to Presbyterian
Assembly to Disapprove Alleged Un-
usual and Unfair Proceeding—Help
for Misdoers.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., May 24.—Calling
by name the three representatives of
the synod of Kentucky, the complain-
ants in the Central University of Ken-
tucky matter before the general as-
sembly of the Southern Presbyterian
church in session here this afternoon,
filed a protest to the alleged action
of the representatives in distributing
on Saturday a pamphlet giving the
institution's side of the case. Bennett
H. Young and C. W. Summerville
signed the protest.

Colonel Thomas W. Bullitt, Holm
Bruce and Rev. E. M. Green, D. D.,
are named in the protest, which
charges that while the assembly and
congregation were singing "Praise
God From Whom All Blessings Flow,"
agents employed by the Kentuckians
distributed the pamphlets among the
worshippers, the complainants stating
they "are bold to affirm that perhaps
no such scene was ever witnessed in
this general assembly."

They pronounce it "an unusual and
unfair proceeding" and state that
heretofore the assembly has placed
an emphatic disapproval upon such a
course.

The protest contains a set of resolu-
tions which are offered with it where-
in, it is said, "Whereas, a pamphlet
entitled 'Discussion on Assembly Dis-
semination' has been addressed to the
moderator and members of the